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## SAFER STREETS UPDATE

Littleport's Field Theatre Group is delighted to announce that we have been awarded funding for an important new street safety project called **SisterSafe**. Working alongside our project partners **East Cambs Community Safety Partnership** and Think Communities,



the **SisterSafe** project will offer young female resident a range of effective street-safety tools and information, that could reduce their risk of harm in public spaces.

Project spokesperson Deborah Curtis (Artistic director of the Field Theatre Group) said:

*“The SisterSafer project aims to instil confidence in our participants by arming them with effective street-safety tools and information. The project also sends a clear message that the Littleport community takes the safety of our young women seriously.”*

The Field will host a series of free, one-day workshop sessions aimed at young women aged 16-24.

The sessions will include: street-safety and safe-travel advice, basic self-defence, and an introduction to digital safety-tools such as phone Apps, and national street-safety databases such as **WalkSafe** and Cambridgeshire Constabulary's **Street Safe** tool. We will also be using a range of arts-based activities in these sessions, to provoke discussions about women's safety in general. And, more importantly, how we as a community can reduce the risk of harm to women in public places.

Participants will also be offered free personal safety alarms and safety information booklets.

In addition to this, we will be working to promote and expand the national **Safe Places** initiative for Littleport (this will benefit all residents). Under the Safe Places scheme premises (such as cafes, shops, etc.) offer to act as designated refuge places.... where vulnerable members of the public can seek help if needed. They can even take temporary refuge in them if there are harassed or



alarmed. Registration for the scheme is free and simple, but there are currently no participating premises within Littleport. We will be undertaking a vigorous recruitment campaign to get a scheme up and running in our community.

The **SisterSafe** project will be developed as a trail initiative, which can be used as a model for other communities.

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## YOUR POLICE UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been doing a lot of work around youth offending in Littleport.

We have done several high visibility patrols in Bottisham following reports of ASB and youths possibly involved in drug dealing.

A multi premises warrant was executed at 3 separate addresses in East Cambs. The suspect was arrested, and a large quantity of illegal drugs were seized. A small laboratory was found, where the suspect had been producing CBD oil (made from cannabis). This was sold on for medicinal reasons in a shop and through a web site.

A female from Soham came out of prison at the beginning of Jan 2022 and has breached her CBO (Criminal Behaviour Order) 15 times since being released. Police are trying to work with housing and other partner agencies to help the female. She was arrested



at the beginning of Feb 2022, and because of her previous offending and the fact that she is taking no notice of the CBO, she has been remanded and the case has been referred to the Crown Court.

A preventative measure has been put in place regarding the boy racers (anti-social driving) at Elean Business Park which appears to be having an effect. Since the beginning of Jan 2022, registrations of any vehicles found to be at the location are being recorded and a warning letter is being sent out to the registered owner. Calls to the police service centre have reduced dramatically since this tactic has been used.

There is regular begging in The Cloisters, Ely. The beggars are currently engaging and are being helped by housing officers, to try and get them off the street.

## **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S YOUTH FUND**

This fund has been set up by Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston using the proceeds of criminal activity. It's aims are to ensure young people living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough:

- have safe spaces to gather and are offered activities which help them develop and become resilient adults;
- are given opportunities to use their spare time constructively through volunteer schemes which help their community;
- are listened to and have the chance to help shape local services and projects in their community which prevent those at risk from getting involved in crime.



Voluntary and community organisations based in the county who are working with young people aged between 5 and 18, or up to 25 years old for those with Special Educational Needs or disabilities are invited to bid for up to £3,500. Bids will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applications will need to show how they can help the Commissioner achieve the above aims.

The Application Guidance and Application Form are available below. If you have any questions or simply want to discuss a potential application please contact us.

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Application-Form-Police-and-Crime-Commissioners-Youth-Fund.docx>

## EYES AND EARS

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE EYES AND EARS/GAMING AND GAMBLING WORKSHOP (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY)

This is a unique opportunity for primary and secondary teachers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to attend two FREE virtual workshops providing access to a bank of gaming and gambling teaching resources provided by the national charity YGAM (The Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust) as well as the chance to obtain a City and Guilds certification.

The workshops take place:

- Tuesday 22nd February 2022: 15:45 to 17:15.
- Tuesday 1st March 2022: 15:45 to 16:45.



For more information or to book a place, visit: Gaming and Gambling : FREE CPD for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Primary and Secondary teachers - Healthy Schools ([healthyschoolscp.org.uk](http://healthyschoolscp.org.uk))

YGAM has partnered with the local Eyes and Ears Community Safety programme with the aim of supporting teachers to raise awareness of gaming/gambling related harm. As a result, East Cambridgeshire's Community Safety Partnership, Cambridgeshire Police Children and Young People's Team and Cambridge United Community Trust have worked in collaboration to produce two bespoke teaching modules for KS2 and KS3 pupils which should provide a useful starting point for exploring the themes of gaming and gambling.

These can be downloaded from here: [healthyschoolscp.org.uk](http://healthyschoolscp.org.uk)

**NEW INFORMATION PRODUCTS AVAILABLE PRODUCED BY THE CSP**

- [Cyberbullying](#)
- [PREVENT Community Toolkit](#)

Contact Emma Graves-Brown if you would like more information and training: [eyesandears@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:eyesandears@eastcambs.gov.uk).



## CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP

### WELCOME TO FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER

January has flown past and we are now into February and what is in February? Valentine's day. This issue we are looking at this month is romance scams. How to spot them, whether that be yourself dating or a family member.

### SCAM IN FOCUS - ROMANCE SCAMS.

**What is a romance scam?** It is when someone uses an online dating site to develop a relationship with someone for the express purpose of extracting money from them.

**How does someone become a victim?** The scam is run over a long period of time, forging a relationship, gaining trust, until they feel the victim is sufficiently enamoured with the scammer to send money when it is asked for.

**Signs:** A friend or family member may be involved are they exhibiting secretive behaviour, making excuses why they haven't met in person, Sudden and strong attachment to someone they haven't met, and have only just started talking to. These are some of the things to look out for. Remember, these people are professional relationship builders. They will make you feel special and say all the right things because that is how they gain your trust and build the relationship with you.

**How to protect yourself:** Alarm bells should ring If:

- You like the person and they ask you to chat off the site.
- You attempt to arrange to meet, but they keep making excuses why they can't. They will usually be out of the country for some reason, and it will all sound very plausible.
- If they ask for money or any personal documentation, then that is a sure sign the person is not on the dating site genuinely.
- If you find yourself getting really defensive about questions from loved ones and friends. If they are concerned there is probably a legitimate reason, especially.

Conduct a reverse image search on one of the search engines. If the search engine returns an image like the one seen on the dating profile, do a bit more research around the picture. It could be a photograph from a company website.

["Why would someone wait this long to scam me"](#).

The longer the scam goes on the more you will get attached to the person, the more money you are likely to spend. Remember that the sums sent from a single person have been £30,000. This is a good yearly wage, and this is multiplied by the number of people they are scamming, they can scam several people at the same time.

**Examples of the type of job they will have:** Remember, they will be working out of the country so they may be on an oil rig, be a doctor working abroad, or they could be in the military. They need to be out of the country as a reason why they can't meet you, and then when they ask for money, for example, they need money for a flight home, or to pay medical fees, or they have lost their credit cards, it will all sound plausible.



**Payments:** Credit cards, banks and Paypal all have ways of protecting their customers, and transactions can be reversed. So, you will be asked to send money via ways where the receiver can remain anonymous and the transfer is not reversable. If you haven't heard of their way they are asking you to send money, or it isn't something you have done before, then it is another red flag.

At the end of the day this is a job to these people. Another tell-tale sign is they only chat with you their equivalent of 9 to 5, don't forget they live all over the world in different time zones, so it may look like they are chatting when they get home from work, but in reality they are in a different time zone. English may not be their first language so if they are saying they are from Wales, and their English isn't good, then that is another flag that something may be wrong.

#### **PARTNER IN THE SPOTLIGHT - NAT WEST**

This month's partner in focus, we look at Nat West and how they are working through these difficult times.

The role of a Customer Support Specialist at NatWest is primarily based in the community so our local Community Banker Bernadette Merry has had to adapt her way of working during the coronavirus restrictions. However, she is still very much able to support you and the wider community at this time.

Bernadette now offers workshops on Fraud & Scams and Digital Safety via Zoom. This is available to any community group or charity - they don't need to be a customer of NatWest.



Another valuable offer from the Customer Support Specialist is to offer support and coaching for customers who wish to register for and use NatWest's Online Banking services, mobile app and video banking which will help them to do most of the things they'd usually do in branch without having to leave their homes.

Two new dedicated customer support lines have also been put in place and the links below provide more information about how they can help.

- Over 70's and extended isolation line – 0800 051 4176 (Relay UK 18001 0800 051 4176)
- NHS Workers line – 0800 046 2418 (Relay UK 18001 0800 046 2418)

If you would like to contact the Customer Support Specialist for your area, please contact Bernadette Merry.

#### **SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF IN FEBRUARY**

Fake banking apps are available to download from both the Apple Store and Google Play, apps that fraudsters could use to scam people.

The link below relates to a Wiltshire media article and provides more detail of the scam in action, but I will provide a summary.

Fraudsters download a fake banking app and search local online marketplaces.

If you are selling something locally and you invite the buyer to visit your home, or an agreed meeting place, be alert if you agree to the sale when the buyer produces their mobile phone and asks for



your bank account and sort code. You will be able to watch them enter the details into their fake banking app and then they will show you the screen of their phone which will display a message that the agreed amount has successfully been paid into your bank.

Please do not hand over the goods until you have checked and confirmed that the payment has been received into your own bank account, but this is where the criminal may try and distract you.

This type of scam could impact on any one of us potentially, but I am concerned for those who are vulnerable and feel intimidated, so they don't check their bank account before handing over the goods.

## **EAST CAMBS HEALTH AND WELLING COACH - DRUG AND ALCOHOL SUPPORT**

Hello, my name is France West. Throughout 2021 I worked as a community Drug and Alcohol Support Worker for the three Ely North PCN GP Practices of St Mary's Surgery, Cathedral Medical Centre and St George's Medical Centre.

My role was part of a pilot project with Change Grow Live (CGL) and funded by the ICS (Integrated Care System) Innovation Fund. The project was to provide local people, GPs, partner and community organisations with improved access to neighbourhood-based support by having a drug and alcohol worker embedded in GP Practices.

The project was considered a success, and thanks to funding from Ely PCNs, East Cambs Community Safety Partnership and East



Cambs District Council, a new three-year post was created for a specialist Health and Wellbeing Coach (Drugs and Alcohol).

Having very much enjoyed working on the pilot, I applied for this new threeyear specialist Coach post and I am very pleased that, following interview, I was appointed. I leave CGL and come to work direct for the PCN, at the end of January 2022.

While the pilot covered the three practices of Ely North PCN, this new post covers all six GP Practices of Ely North and South Primary Care Network (i.e. now including Haddenham Surgery, Burwell Surgery and Staploe Medical Centre in Soham).

Being based in the community allows me to offer a rapid response to referrals, and more easily access the skills and knowledge of colleagues in Practice teams and local organisations. The Community Safety Partnership problem-solving group is an excellent multi-disciplinary forum that I am pleased to be able to attend.

This new role allows me to be more person-centred and responsive for my clients. In my experience when a trusting relationship is built, we gain better and longer-lasting results.

My goal and promise are simple: I will do my utmost to work with each and every one who puts their trust in me, and support them on their path to find the best version of themselves.

I am happy to receive referrals from anyone, including self-referrals from potential clients. My email address is frances.west3@nhs.net and (from 1 February) my PCN mobile number is 07759 123334.



## THINK COMMUNITIES IN EAST CAMBS

### HOW OUR TEAM CAN HELP

- Have you got a community idea you want to bring to life?
- Can you see an opportunity for organisations to work better together?
- Want to join up the dots, energy & people where you live?

It could be about community gardens, or getting people together on your street. It might be finding out about what's working well in other places - Timebanks, community pantries, peer support groups, and much more. Come and speak to us

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### NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

East Cambridgeshire District Council is looking for an enthusiastic Community Safety Support and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. The post holder will support the implementation of the Community Safety Board's Action Plan working with the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, the Council's Communities and Partnerships Manager and the Neighbourhood and Community Safety Officer in the planning, coordinating, delivering and monitoring of services, initiatives and projects aimed at improving community safety outcomes for East Cambridgeshire. This will include the implementation of actions to reduce crime and



disorder in East Cambs and the supporting of intervention initiatives designed to prevent crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is looking for an enthusiastic Problem-Solving Co-Ordinator. This post is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) as part of its Putting Communities First initiative. The post holder will coordinate the efforts of all East Cambs Community Safety Partnership (ECCSP) agencies to deliver local problem solving to address local community level crime and disorder issues which matter most to people who live and work in the area, as set out in the Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant Agreement.